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If we can't make the four — and we're going to try tremendously hard — then we will do our best to beat the so-called top sides.

No excuses

Richmond don't make excuses. I must point out that only spasmodic play by the team has kept us out of the four.

Like thousands of other supporters, I've been bitterly disappointed that the team hasn't done better. That's the way it goes.

We started the season on a high note, but injuries, and loss of form by some players, has made it difficult to field a balanced side all the time.

We still haven't been quitters. We've had to find promising young players who could fill the gap, and we've found a great reservoir of talent.

Bright future

The future has never looked brighter, especially when you take into account that we have signed the Phillis brothers, and Craig McKellar from South Australia.

They are reputed top players, and next year, we hope, they will be battling with our own top junior players, to make the senior side.

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I'm delighted with the response by our junior supporters to the competition "Why I Like The Tigers" — their letters echo the sentiments of all of us.

Richmond is a great club, and we have a great team. So keep supporting them!

COVER: Tiger utility FRANCIS BOURKE gets his kick despite strong opposition.

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South Australian star brothers could join Tigers next year

Victorian Football League circles are still buzzing about the great effort by Richmond secretary Alan Schwab in signing the Phillis brothers, from top SA side Glenelg.

The brothers are top forward Dennis Phillis, usually known as "Fred" and his defender brother, Wayne.

Fred Phillis — that's the name by which he prefers to be known in football — starred for South Australia in the recent Adelaide carnival.

He was second top goalkicker to Peter Hudson (Hawthorn) who played with the strong Victorian side.

Wayne, according to most South Australian experts, was unlucky not to make the SA carnival side.

Keen to join Tigers

Both boys are keen to join Richmond. Like most top SA players, they would like to play in the top competition, VFL football, and what better side than Richmond?

Naturally, there could be clearance difficulties, but so far Glenelg have given Richmond every co-operation.

Both players are over 6ft., and solidly built. Both have great potential.

Fred Phillis has been sought, off and on, by various VFL clubs in the past few years.

Wayne Phillis impressed when Richmond beat Glenelg in a pre-season practice match in Adelaide, and the Richmond talent scouts have kept a close eye on him.

This is part of Richmond's recruiting policy. The more good players they can muster, the better for the club.

If the Phillis brothers settle down well in Melbourne, there is no reason why they could not be succesful players.

They have been coached by SA "strong man" Neil Kerley, who was a State stalwart in hectic games with Victoria.

Kerley thinks Victorian-style, and he has trained the Phillis brothers along the same lines. They know how to handle themselves well against strong opposition.

Negotiations will continue for some months on a club to club basis, but Richmond officials are hopeful that the Phillis brothers will be available next year.

Former Sturt (SA) star Brenton Miels had a disappointing initiation to League football.

Brenton got his chance when he was named as a reserve against St. Kilda. He came on, showed out, and then injured a knee.

He has a very high reputation in football circles, as he played in three Sturt premiership sides.

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Here's a photograph of the Phillis brothers of Glenelg (SA). On the left is Dennis ("Fred") who is the top goalkicker in SA and one of the best full-forwards in Australia. He has kicked over 60 goals this season and did well in the ANFC Championships. Brother Wayne is a star centre half-back and was Glenelg's best player against Richmond in this year's pre-season practice game.

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ANOTHER TOP S.A. RECRUIT FOR THE TIGERS?

Richmond are hopeful that Craig McKellar, described as the most promising young ruckman in Australia, could play with them next year.

McKellar is a player with tremendous potential, who has been well trained by former star North Melbourne ruckman Noel Teasdale.

Teasdale, a former Victorian carnival player, and second in the 1965 Brownlow Medal, rates McKellar as a future champion.

He should know, because he has seen a lot of McKellar, who pays for Teasdale's side, Woodville, in the SA League.

McKellar, 6ft. 4in., and nearly 14st., did well against Carlton captain John Nicholls in the Adelaide carnival.

Nicholls had years of experience over McKellar, but still found him hard to handle.

If McKellar could do that, without any VFL experience, think what he could do with Tom Hafey guiding him!

Experienced interstate football experts rated McKellar good enough to make the All-Australian side, announced after the carnival, but he missed out.

Richmond had been after McKellar for some time before they signed him — a good indication that the talent scouts were on the job.

Adelaide newspaper football experts maintain that McKellar is good enough to "walk" into any VFL side.

This is high praise, and most encouraging to Richmond officials.

But, like every other recruit, local, country or interstate, McKellar will have to prove himself in practice matches before being considered for senior selection.

Clearance difficulties still have to be ironed out.

"Bull" joins South

Ruck-rover Alan "Bull" Richardson has been granted a clearance to play with South Melbourne. The decision was made after great deliberation and it was felt that his chances of gaining regular senior selection were limited.

Alan started with the Tigers in 1959 — he was recruited from Casterton — and played 104 senior games.

Another Tiger, Ed Murphy, has joined Prahran. Ed played 17 games with the club, including two this season. He was recruited from Amateur club Old Paradians.

Ed will incur an automatic 12-month disqualification as he left the Tigers to join the VFA club without obtaining a clearance.

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TOM HAFEY IS DISAPPOINTED, BUT STILL DETERMINED

Dedicated Richmond coach Tom Hafey has not had a happy time lately for a variety of reasons, some connected with football, some with his personal life.

It was a great shock to Hafey when his father, Mr. Tom Hafey sen., a great Richmond supporter, died on the morning of the game against Essendon.

All at Richmond, players, officials and supporters, extend their deepest sympathy to the Hafey family.

Coach Hafey has been bitterly disappointed with the spasmodic play of some Richmond players in recent games, and he hasn't hesitated to say so. He is determined that they will improve.

Unfortunately for him, a malicious whispering campaign started that he would be replaced as coach. This is untrue.

These rumors are untrue, and have been strongly denied by club officials. Whenever a team is playing only fairly, the coach is a target for snide remarks.

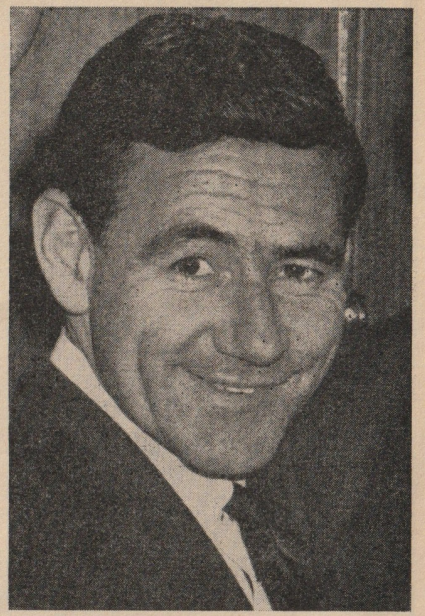
In this issue we publish more of Hafey's thoughts on coaching, this time on tactics and teamwork generally.

The basic aim of a football team should be to win its matches by scoring as many goals as possible in the quickest manner and restricting the opposition accordingly.

To achieve this objective, the ball must be moved quickly by "playing-on", that is, kicking, handballing or knocking it on.

By moving the ball quickly to the forwards, opportunities are created to win it unopposed, or to be matched against only one opponent — not rucks and rovers as well. In this way, crowding of the play is reduced to a minimum.

The "mark and kick" style of game is outmoded by the "play-on" game. It encourages players to waste time by moving back for their kicks after a mark or a "free". As a result, our basic aim of scoring goals in the quickest possible manner is lost.



● TOM HAFEY

Aspects of play which promote the "play-on" game are:

(a) Kicking the ball;
(b) Handballing;
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One of the best features of Richmond's play this season has been the improved play of young ruckman Mike Green, a strong and determined player.

Green has had to bear the brunt of the ruck burden for most of this season, but he has never faltered.

The greater the responsibility, the better he likes it.

Green has been with Richmond for years now. He was always destined to be a top player, from the time he started with the Fourths, and gradually worked his way up to the seniors.

His greatest ambition is to play in a Richmond premiership side. His biggest disappointment was to be named 20th man in the 1967 Richmond premiership side.

That wasn't good enough. He wants to be one of the 18 who win the next flag for the Tigers.

Green was unlucky in 1967, because he had been a regular member of the team for most of the season.

But he didn't give up, he tried even harder. And this year he has reached top rating.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CLUBS KEEN TO "BORROW" ROYCE HART

Adelaide clubs know a star player when they see one — and that's why they are all bidding for Richmond star Royce Hart to play for them if the Tigers don't make the finals.

If Richmond don't make the finals — and we won't concede that until the last game — Hart probably will play with SA club Glenelg.

Glenelg are the Tigers of Adelaide football, and this year have set up a long winning streak under captain-coach Neil Kerley.

They are already favorites for the SA flag. If they get Hart, they will be unbeatable!

Stationed in Adelaide

Hart is stationed in Adelaide at present during his National Service training, and works out with Glenelg during the week.

If he does strip for Glenelg, he will be playing with top Richmond recruits, the Phillis brothers, Fred and Wayne.

Under special clearance rules, a player during National Service training, can be given permission to play with an interstate club.

That's how Brenton Miels, a top Sturt (SA) player, was able to play with Richmond this year. He is stationed in Victoria during National Service.

Royce Hart has turned on some memorable displays for Richmond this year, and he was a star for Victoria when they won the Australian Championship in Adelaide earlier this year.

Hart has played under difficulties this year. He has not been able to train with Richmond regularly, and he has been worried by an ankle injury.

This injury troubled him during the carnival, but it didn't stop him from being a devastating player.

All the experts in Adelaide for the Carnival agreed that Hart is one of the best players in Australia — and will become even better.

In the final match, when Victoria beat South Australia, Hart played on one leg. He was replaced during the game, but not before his great play had boosted Victoria's winning chances.

Hart is a star, but he has not the slightest trace of a swollen head. He listens carefully to advice from coach Tom Hafey, and does what he is told.

A great team player, he is always on the alert to help a teammate. He doesn't care who kicks the goals, as long as it is a Richmond player.

Any youngster who wants to become a top Richmond player should use Royce Hart as his model.

Hitch-hikes to train

Ian Owen is one of Richmond's keenest players. He is stationed at Bandiana during National Service, but he hitch-hikes to training at various country clubs.

It is a great day for Ian when he can manage to get to Richmond and train with the rest of the team.

He came originally from Echuca East, and came up from the Under 19s. He has a good future.

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TIGER CUBS MAKE STATE SCHOOLBOYS SIDE

Two of the boys awarded Richmond Football Club sporting scholarships have been selected in the Victorian schoolboys side.

They are Dale Carroll from the Richmond Fourths, and Robert Lamb from Mt. Waverley Under 15s.

Club officials were delighted with their selection, because it shows that Richmond talent scouts were on the beam when they chose the scholarship winners.

You can see a picture of Dale and Robert, plus the other scholarship winners, on the opposite page.

Added to squad

Doug Oldfield of Mt. Waverley Under 15s has been added to the scholarship squad. He has impressed talent scouts with recent displays.

Former Fourths coach Bill Boromeo is delighted with the progress of his youngsters. With Oldfield in the squad, he now has 22 players to instruct.

Richmond's action in awarding the scholarships has impressed other League clubs, and some of them could follow suit.

School grant

Each of the boys has received a special $50 grant to help their parents with their school fees.

They have been completely outfitted with Richmond football gear, plus a towel and a football. Each boy also has his own complimentary student's pass to attend Richmond's games.

Bill Boromeo has been impressed by the enthusiasm of the boys who were all recruited from Richmond's metropolitan zones.

Outstanding prospects

He describes several of the youngsters as being outstanding prospects who will make big names for themselves with future Richmond senior sides.

The boys couldn't have a better coach than Boromeo, who is dedicated to fostering young talents, and building up Richmond's overall strength.

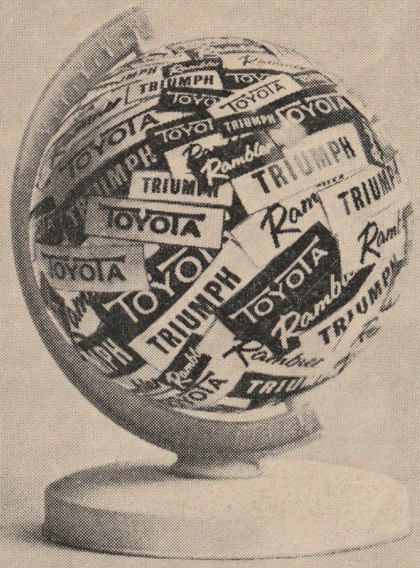
Move into other grades

Although the boys are in the 13 to 15 age group now, it won't be long before they move into the Fourths, then to the Under 19s, and eventually to the big time.

Richmond recruiting officers are not resting on their laurels. They are still combing the schools and junior sides looking for promising players.

So, Tiger fans, if you know of a good player in Tiger territory, let our officials know. All information will be gratefully received.

The more up-and-coming youngsters that Richmond can train Richmond-style, the better will be the club's future.



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RICHMOND JUNIOR SUPPORTERS HAVE THEIR SAY

Richmond Football Club should have more young supporters like nine-year-old Stephen King, of 21 Wellington Street, Richmond.

Stephen is the winner of the first "Why I Like The Tigers" competition, and his reward is a free junior ticket for season 1970.

Richmond committee, players and staff, were delighted with the response, because every letter submitted was well worth reading.

WE THANK ALL ENTRANTS, AND WE INVITE THEM TO ENTER THE COMPETITION AGAIN.

We would like all Richmond junior supporters to let us know their views. Be in it!

Stephen King's letter read: "I like Richmond because my brother played for the Tigers.

"But he cannot play any more because of heart trouble.

"But Dad, brother and I always go, and feel happy when they win, sad when they lose.

"I know I will be a Tiger some day, because they are beaut."

Thank you, Stephen, and we hope you do play with Richmond one day.

Another much appreciated letter came from Michele Cooke (age, and address on the next letter, please, Michele!)

She wrote: "Richmond are a very talented and fighting team.

"The Tigers have many stars — Hart, Hunt, Bourke, etc.

"Although we have not had a victory lately, we will beat every team, and we will have the flag flying, like Tommy (Hafey) wishes in The Tigers.

"The Tigers must last full time."

Next best letters came from other members of the King family, Gayle (13), and Barbara (14).

Gayle wrote: "I like the Tigers because they're always up and about, and play interesting games.

"They have courage when they're losing, they will fight the battle to the end.

"Winning or losing, sadness or happiness, they will always be my favorite team.

"I will always barrack for the best team — RICHMOND."

Barbara's letter read: "I like the Tigers because they are always on the cheerful side. When they lose a game, there are no moping faces, because they know they can't win all the games.

"When they win, they celebrate, and have a great time. I wish them luck all through the year."

This competition is open to boys and girls under 15. Let's know "Why I Like The Tigers". You can write about one player, or the team.

Please keep your letters to 50 words, and state your name, age, and address on the letter.

RICHMOND FULL-BACK BARRY RICHARDSON

BARRY RICHARDSON COULD BECOME ONE OF RICHMOND'S GREATS

Richmond full-back Barry Richardson is rated the best full-back in Australia by club secretary Alan Schwab — and he won't back down on that statement.

Mr Schwab saw Australia's best defenders in action during the Adelaide carnival, so he knows what he is talking about.

Although various interstate players were boomed as top full backs, Mr Schwab thought that Victorian full back Bob Murray (St. Kilda) was the best.

And he considers that Barry Richardson is better than Murray.

A former St. Kilda official, he has had a good chance to study both Murray and Richardson in action.

This is his opinion: "Barry Richardson is a similar type of player to Bob Murray, but personally, I think he could be a bit better.

"I have been most impressed by Richardson's play this year, and his effort in keeping Peter Hudson goalless was sensational.

"He is the only full back to have managed this, and this gives the clue to Richardson's greatness.

"I like Richardson's style, and I think he could become better and better."

That's high praise, indeed. It's only a matter of time before the Victorian selectors agree with Mr Schwab, and hand Barry Richardson his State guernsey.

50 Games for Geoff

Supporters join in congratulating dashing half-back flanker Geoff Strang who recently played his 50th senior game with the Tigers.

Geoff has been a senior player for five years and was a star player in our 1967 premiership victory.

We hope that Geoff is with us for several years and continues on to reach his century of games.

Former Skipper's Guernsey

At the start of the season Under 19 recruit, John Ferguson, was placed on our probationary list, and given the No. 45 guernsey.

He played his first game this year as 19th man for the Reserves. But the following week he was in the team and has done so well that he has now made the seniors.

A few weeks ago John swapped his No. 45 guernsey for 15 — the number made famous by our former skipper, Fred Swift, who now coaches Corowa.

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Teams finishing outside the final four will contest the $1,000 Award going to the team which most improves its position on the ladder relative to last year. There is a major prize within the reach of every club in the Wills Football Awards.

Fresh ground has been broken this year as the ANFC Carnival in Adelaide has become another Wills sponsored event with $10,000 riding on the Championships. Section 1 Champions will return with $5,000 with $2,500 for runners-up and $1,250, $750 and $500 the minor placegetters.

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So much for the teams — what is there for the individual player?

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Country Goalkickers

Two full-forwards in our country zone have hit the high spots in recent games. They are Tom Bland, from Merbein, in the Sunraysia League, and Barry Gneil, of Walpeup (Mallee League).

Tom has kicked over 60 goals this year and is 18 years of age. Barry recently kicked eight goals in a Country League Championship match.

Tom plays with the same club from whom we recruited rover Kevin Smythe. Another promising player with the same club is centre half-forward John Arnold.

Brian Breaks Into Seniors

Determined back-pocket, Brian Shinners, has had a very good season in the Reserves this year and has twice been promoted to the seniors as a reserve. Brian wears the same number on his guernsey as his brother Kevin did, No. 18. Kevin is now doing well as captain-coach of Rochester in the Bendigo League.

HEY KIDS! HERE'S ANOTHER INTERESTING COMPETITION – A FOOTBALL QUIZ!

The success of the "Why I Like The Tigers" competition has prompted us to run another competition, a Football quiz this time.

It is open to boys and girls under 15, and the winner of the quiz will be given a Ross Faulkner football or basketball.

The prize will go to the neatest, correct entry opened first — and the decision of the judges will be final.

If the response is good enough, and we're sure it will be, then we will run further football quiz competitions.

So here's your chance, boys and girls. How much do you know about the Tigers?

Check the questions carefully, because some of them could be tricky.

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Here are the questions:

1. Which Richmond player holds the record for most games played with the club? How many games did he play?
2. Name Richmond's Brownlow Medallists, and the years they won the top award.
3. Who was captain of Richmond's 1967 premiership side?
4. Only one Richmond player has kicked 100 goals in a season. Who is he?
5. Who is the Richmond player who holds the League record for playing 204 games straight?
6. Who is Richmond's deputy vice-captain this year?
7. A Richmond player was injured in the first game this season. His face was stitched but he did not leave the field. His name?
8. How many premierships have Richmond won?
9. Carlton set a new League high-scoring record this year, beating Richmond's previous record. What was that Richmond score (in goals, behinds, points)?
10. How long has Tom Hafey coached Richmond?

Wayne Has Battled Hard

Half-forward Wayne Judd has battled hard to make the grade in League football. Recruited from Oakleigh District in the Federal League — the same club from whom we gained John Ferguson — Wayne started with our Under 19's and, after being groomed here, was promoted to the Reserves. He was in and out of the Reserves for some time before cementing a berth but his form in last year's finals convinced officials that he was on the way to the senior team.

Wayne earned his big chance against Footscray. He also played against St. Kilda and Essendon. In the latter game he kicked two valuable goals and used his strength to advantage on the forward line.

We now look forward to Wayne playing many games with our seniors in the future. He is very keen to do well and it will not be for the lack of trying.

TIGERS WERE WELL REPRESENTED IN VICTORIAN CARNIVAL SIDE

Richmond representatives dominated the Victorian carnival side which retained its Australian championship during the recent series in Adelaide.

Our original representatives were Royce Hart and Kevin Bartlett, and they fully deserved the honor of State selection.

They were joined by last-minute replacement Kevin Sheedy, who acquitted himself well.

But the Richmond influence on the carnival side went deeper than this. Club delegate and selector Jack Titus, a former star player, was Victorian team manager.

And club doctor, Dr Vern Vivian was the VFL medical officer.

Kevin Bartlett showed by his performances in Adelaide, that he is entitled to be ranked among Australia's leading rovers.

Interstate players and officials were most impressed by his displays, despite his lack of experience in State games.

His efforts came as no surprise to Richmond fans, because he has hardly played a poor game since he became a senior player — and he has two best and fairest awards to prove it.

The way he has been playing this year, he could win his third award.

Bartlett is never beaten. If he loses the run of the ball, then he turns back and goes in after it again. For his size, he has great courage.

He has taken some very heavy knocks, but it reduces his effectiveness only momentarily.

Secret of Bartlett's success is his tenacity, and great will-to-win. He has often lifted Richmond to victory by his inspiring example.

● KEVIN BARTLETT

TIGER RESERVES AND UNDER 19s ARE GOING GREAT GUNS

Richmond's senior side has had its ups-and-downs this season, but the Reserves and Under 19s both have been going very well.

With average luck, both should figure in the finals this year, thanks to great coaching by Verdun Howell (Reserves) and Ray Jordon (Under 19s).

Both of these coaches have the full respect of their players. They are firm, without being over-harsh, and they get things done.

Jordon's ability is well known to Richmond supporters, and Howell has impressed officials and players since he took over the Reserves.

It was no easy task for Howell to step into the job. He had no previous experience, and didn't know some of the players.

But he showed great adaptability, and looks set for a great future as a coach. He has been an invaluable assistant to Tom Hafey.

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Player to watch

Here's a player to watch — Tony Smith, who won the Under 19s best and fairest last year. He's gradually moving up, and is going well with the Reserves. Tony is a talented half-forward.

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Promising recruits

Richmond have tried a bunch of promising players in the seniors this season. All have done reasonably well. Two with solid potential are John Ferguson and Graham Robbins.

Robbins might have made the side earlier than he did, if he had not broken a collarbone in a Teacher's College match.

He joined the Tigers this year from Catani in the South-West Gippsland League. He is a former pupil of Salesian College, Chadstone.

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Unlucky Don

Poor Don Davenport seems to have a jinx on him. He has been battling for years to throw off serious injuries with only moderate success. But he'll keep trying.

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Back in training

Top defender Graham Burgin, who was seriously injured early in the season, is back in training again. Here's hoping that he can regain top form.

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Officials disappointed

Officials have been disappointed that Grant Oppy, one of our best prospects, has made only a few appearances with the Under 19s because of injury. He is a son of former star Max Oppy.

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TIGERS' $100,000 TORQUAY CAMP PROJECT

Richmond's ambitious $100,000 Torquay training camp project has the full support of the Richmond Coterie, those dedicated and influential clubmen who work behind the scenes to raise finance.

Man behind the project is far-sighted club president Mr. RAY DUNN, who predicts great long-range benefits for the club.

Last year, the club bought 16 acres of land behind Jan Juc beach for $12,000, but this was only the first step.

Now the Coterie members have pledged themselves to raise the balance of the money to make Mr. Dunn's dream a reality.

Successful Coterie

The Coterie has been very successful in the past, so there's no reason why they won't be successful again.

When the Torquay project is finished, Richmond will have their own permanent training camp in ideal conditions.

A full-size training oval is being developed near the present site.

The camp will accommodate 60 players, and will have a kitchen, and recreation rooms.

Players will be housed in special bungalows, linked by a covered walk.

Coach **Tom Hafey** is very enthusiastic about the camp, and can't wait for it to be finished.

Apart from football training, players will be able to build up strength with sand dune running, swimming and surfing.

Pre-season camps have been popular with Richmond players in recent years, but the problem has been to organise them properly.

With their own camp at their disposal any time, coaches will be able to plan for the future.

The Torquay land also will be a sound investment, because it will undoubtedly increase in value over the years.

Versatile player

Francis Bourke must be one of the most versatile players in the Richmond team.

When he joined the Tigers, he was a top forward with country side, Nathalia, but became a Richmond wingman.

Earlier this season, he was switched to centre half-back, and has held his own with top opposition players.

Tasmanian rep.

Former Tiger, John Richmond has had a fine season with Clarence in the Tasmanian League. He is the leading goal-kicker in the competition and gained selection in the Tasmanian side at the ANFC Championships in Adelaide last month.

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